as simple as adding a number of notifications in the category that have been unread adjacent the indicator.

In other embodiments, step **1020** may involve a sub step **1032** where a pop-up is displayed for the category of the notification received at step **1008**. The pop-up may include an indication of the category of notification, a prompt prompting a user for input (to display a menu, to display the notification, to display a number of notifications related to the category). Flow **1000** ends at **1036**.

If at decision **1016** a determination is made that the device is undocked, flow passes to step **1040** where an indication of the notification is displayed on a screen of the device. It is noted that the term "undocked" is meant broadly to include any situation in which a peripheral screen is not connected to the device, regardless of whether or not the device is in a docking unit or not. The term undocked is used for convenience.

Step **1040** may include a number of optional sub steps, similar to sub steps **1024-1032**. For example, the screen of the device may be configured to include a notification area for displaying indications of various notifications. At sub step **1044**, an indicator (e.g., icon or text) that indicates a particular category of notification may be displayed in the notification area. For example, if the notification relates to a category in which no other notification has been received, an indicator (e.g., icon or text) can be displayed in the notification area. In some embodiments, an indicator for a particular category may already be displayed in the notification area. In these embodiments, sub step **1048** may be performed to update the indicator to reflect receipt of the new notification. Sub step **1048** may involve adding a status next to the indicator. This can be as simple as adding a number of notifications in the category that have been unread adjacent the indicator.

In other embodiments, step **1040** may involve a sub step **1052** where a pop-up is displayed for the category of the notification received at step **1008**. The pop-up may include an indication of the category of notification, a prompt prompting a user for input (to display a menu, to display the notification, to display a number of notifications related to the category). Flow **1000** ends at **1036**.

Referring now to FIG. **11**, flow **1100** starts at **1104**. Flow **1100** passes from **1104** to optional step **1108** where a menu is displayed. The displayed menu may include a number of indicators of various categories of notifications. In some embodiments, the menu may be displayed after receiving input from a user indicating a request to display the menu. The menu may include a number of different options including an option to view notifications. From step **1108**, flow **1100** passes to step **1112** where input is received indicating a request to display notifications. The input may be received by a user selecting an option on the menu displayed at step **1108**.

Following step **1108**, an indication of a category of notifications is displayed at step **1116**. In some embodiments, this may include displaying text or an icon that represents a category of notifications. Step **1116** may involve displaying more than one indication, each indication representing a different category of notifications. Following step **1116**, input is received at step **1120** selecting a category of notifications.

In response to step **1120**, notifications associated with the category are displayed at step **1124**. Step **1124** may involve displaying information regarding the notifications, such as a time they were received, a person, an identifier (e.g., phone number, email address), and/or portions of a message. Input is then received at step **1128** selecting one of the notifications, which is then displayed at step **1132**. Flow **1100** ends at **1136**.

The exemplary systems and methods of this disclosure have been described in relation to FIGS. **1-11**. However, to avoid unnecessarily obscuring the present disclosure, the preceding description omits a number of known structures and devices. This omission is not to be construed as a limitation of the scopes of the claims. Specific details are set forth to provide an understanding of the present disclosure. It should however be appreciated that the present disclosure may be practiced in a variety of ways beyond the specific detail set forth herein.

Furthermore, while the exemplary aspects, embodiments, and/or configurations illustrated herein show the various components of the system collocated, certain components of the system can be located remotely, at distant portions of a distributed network, such as a LAN and/or the Internet, or within a dedicated system. Thus, it should be appreciated, that the components of the system can be combined in to one or more devices, such as a phone, computer, PDA, electronic book reader, gaming device, or collocated on a particular node of a distributed network, such as an analog and/or digital telecommunications network, a packet-switch network, or a circuit-switched network. It will be appreciated from the preceding description, and for reasons of computational efficiency, that the components of the system can be arranged at any location within a distributed network of components without affecting the operation of the system. For example, the various components can be located in a switch such as a PBX and media server, gateway, in one or more communications devices, at one or more users' premises, or some combination thereof. Similarly, one or more functional portions of the system could be distributed between a telecommunications device(s) and an associated computing device.

Furthermore, it should be appreciated that the various links connecting the elements can be wired or wireless links, or any combination thereof, or any other known or later developed element(s) that is capable of supplying and/or communicating data to and from the connected elements. These wired or wireless links can also be secure links and may be capable of communicating encrypted information. Transmission media used as links, for example, can be any suitable carrier for electrical signals, including coaxial cables, copper wire and fiber optics, and may take the form of acoustic or light waves, such as those generated during radio-wave and infra-red data communications.

Also, while the flowcharts have been discussed and illustrated in relation to a particular sequence of events, it should be appreciated that changes, additions, and omissions to this sequence can occur without materially affecting the operation of the disclosed embodiments, configuration, and aspects.

A number of variations and modifications of the disclosure can be used. It would be possible to provide for some features of the disclosure without providing others. In yet another embodiment, the systems and methods of this disclosure can be implemented in conjunction with a special purpose computer, a programmed microprocessor or microcontroller and peripheral integrated circuit element(s), an ASIC or other integrated circuit, a digital signal processor, a hard-wired electronic or logic circuit such as discrete element circuit, a programmable logic device or gate array such as PLD, PLA, FPGA, PAL, special purpose computer, any comparable means, or the like. In general, any device(s) or means capable of implementing the methodology illustrated herein can be used to implement the various aspects of this disclosure. Exemplary hardware that can be used for the disclosed embodiments, configurations and aspects includes computers, handheld devices, telephones (e.g., cellular, Internet enabled, digital, analog, hybrids, and others), and other hardware known in the art. Some of these devices include processors (e.g., a single or multiple microprocessors), memory,